

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 5, 2004 (BOS Mtg. 01/20/04)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Home Repair Grant Program Application

### **Background**

York County's Division of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization provides a continuum of housing assistance programs intended to assist County residents with both obtaining and maintaining safe, decent and sanitary housing. As part of the Division's efforts, staff routinely utilizes grant funding to leverage local resources for the provision of these services. One such grant-funded effort is the Emergency Home Repair Program.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) annually awards funds to localities participating in the Emergency Home Repair Program. The purpose of the Emergency Home Repair Program is to provide emergency repairs and accessibility improvements to income eligible households in the County. As the local administrator for the program, the County receives base funding of \$5,000 annually through this program. Grant funds are matched dollar-for-dollar with funds from the County's Local Rehabilitation Program. No new funding is required.

In 2004, DHCD has asked local administrators of the Emergency Home Repair Program to re-submit applications to continue their participation in the program. As part of the application, DHCD has requested a resolution from the local governing body authorizing the grant application.

### **Recommendation**

Since 1989, Emergency Home Repair funds have been used in tandem with local funds to provide vital emergency and accessibility repairs to eligible households in the County. I recommend the Board continue this important program and adopt the proposed Resolution R04-07 authorizing the County's application for Emergency Home Repair Grant funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

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Attachment:

- Proposed Resolution R04-07